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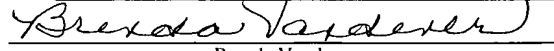
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Dear Sir:


This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants call attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicants and their attorney which are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 1.56(b).

REMARKS

The art references cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 are not believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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	AB	795,155	07/18/1905	Nees			
	AC	2,141,100	12/20/1938	Warden			
	AD	2,391,928	01/01/1946	Seib			
	AE	2,503,314	04/11/1950	Atwood			
	AF	2,675,564	04/20/1954	Hughes			
	AG	2,715,737	08/23/1955	Sacks			
	AH	2,734,104	02/07/1956	Gollhofer			
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	BE	3,574,871	04/13/1971	Greene			
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	BG	3,648,305	03/14/1972	Ersek			
	BH	3,689,945	09/12/1972	Laerdal			
	BI	3,700,229	10/24/1972	Kurokawa et al.			
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	CB	3,926,181	12/16/1975	Eischen			
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	CD	4,024,861	05/24/1977	Vincent			
	CE	4,030,719	06/21/1977	Gabriele et al.			
	CF	4,033,000	07/05/1977	Bonifay			
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	CH	4,194,732	03/25/1980	Liebman			
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	DD	4,414,683	11/08/1983	Robinson			
	DE	4,473,912	10/02/1984	Scheidel et al.			
	DF	4,480,345	11/06/1984	Dunn			
	DG	4,506,664	03/26/1985	Brault			
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	EE	4,651,364	03/24/1987	Hayton et al.			
	EF	4,660,236	04/28/1987	Peterson			
	EG	4,779,858	10/25/1988	Saussereau			
	EH	4,811,435	03/14/1989	Foster et al.			
	EI	4,840,362	05/20/1989	Bremer et al.			
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	FD	4,988,062	01/29/1991	London			
	FE	5,014,374	05/14/1991	Williams			
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	FG	5,048,134	09/17/1991	Dennill et al.			
	FH	5,073,999	12/24/1991	Thomas et al.			
	FI	5,077,843	01/07/1992	Dale et al.			
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	GD	5,133,000	07/21/1992	Moller			
	GE	5,154,185	10/13/1992	Latimer et al.			
	GF	5,154,186	10/13/1992	Laurin et al.			
	GG	5,159,312	10/27/1992	Engle			
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	HC	5,263,213	11/23/1993	Robertson et al.			
	HD	5,274,864	01/04/1994	Morgan			
	HE	5,285,797	02/15/1994	Zeller			
	HF	5,287,577	02/22/1994	Bremer et al.			
	HG	5,336,179	08/09/1994	Ryan			
	HH	5,396,673	03/14/1995	Foster			
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	ID	5,497,097	03/05/1996	Walling et al.			
*	IE	5,499,416	03/19/1996	Daouk			
	IF	5,502,854	04/02/1996	Daouk			
*	IG	5,530,974	07/02/1996	Rains et al.			
	IH	5,560,059	10/01/1996	McQueen			
	II	5,568,662	10/29/1996	Gougelet			
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	JH	6,021,533	02/08/2000	Ellis et al.			
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*	KE	6,308,353	10/30/01	Van Steenburg			
	KF	6,340,025	01/22/2002	Van Brunt			
*	KG	6,375,017	04/23/2002	Schattner et al.			
	KH	6,379,316	04/30/2002	Van Brunt et al.			
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